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1. It is reported that Carlos Miro Quesada Laos, Peruvian Ambassador to Chile, has received instructions from his government to publicize the desire of the Military Junta to hold elections. He was therefore basically acting in accordance with his instructions when he made the statement to the Chilean press that a "constitutionally elected president will be installed in the Governmental Palace before the end of the year".* In mentioning such a time limit, however, Miro Quesada followed the line of Lt. Col. Alfonso Llosa, who advocates early elections, rather than the Odría faction which favors elections at a later date. This point is said not to have been specifically covered in the Ambassador's instructions.
2. Luis A. Flores accepted the Ambassadorship to Rome after receiving Llosa's promise to see that Odría would keep his word and recall Flores in time to help prepare the Union Revolucionaria's (UR) electoral campaign should elections be held.
3. The UR is generally conceded to be the largest legally organized political party in Peru today, although the exact figures of its membership are not available. Sources close to the party believe that reports of 200,000 members are an exaggeration of strength.
4. Rumors persist that changes in the make-up of the Military Junta will be announced soon. The ministers to be replaced are to be Federico Diaz Dulanto, Foreign Relations; Augusto Villacorta, Government and Police; and Carlos Miñano, Agriculture.

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